

## **Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Program Michigan Parameters**

The Michigan Department of Education will administer the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) program through the Office of Budget, Contracts, and Grants.

The Michigan parameters are as follows:

- A district may apply for more than one project, i.e., several school sites, so long as each site meets the eligibility requirements.
- The qualified zone academy bond allocation cap for each site is \$2 million. The allocation cap for each district is \$5 million.
- The bond issuance must occur within six months of the notice of allocation. A 3-month extension may be requested.

Individual school districts should consult with counsel to ensure all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations are observed. This includes consulting with bond counsel to certify the proceeds of QZABs are used for purposes permitted under federal and state laws.

Applications are continually being accepted. Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Within approximately two weeks of receipt of the application, an eligible district will be notified by letter authorizing the allocation to the district. If necessary, a waiting list will be maintained.

The 2003 monies have been allocated (\$10,622,000). It is anticipated that another approximately \$11,000,000 will be available in February 2004.

For assistance in completing this application, please contact Andy DeYoung in the Office of Budget, Contracts, and Grants (517-373-1806).